

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 30, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Eliza J. Van De Venter, widow of the late Major E. Van De Venter, praying "back pension" from the disbanding of the "ten regiments" to June, 1854, from which date her husband was allowed a pension, beg leave to report:*

That the invalid pension laws declare that the pension shall commence only from the completion of the testimony in the case, and such has been the uniform practice of your committee; and although the petitioner states that her husband was deterred from an earlier application for a pension by the hope of a reappointment in the army, the committee can see no sufficient reason for departing from the general rule in such cases, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

